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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT, WATER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ESPANOLA, THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SANTA FE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BE CHANGED TO A REPAYMENT, PERPETUAL, AGREEMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ADDRESSING A MULTICOUNTY REGION INCLUDING SAN JUAN, TAOS, RIO ARRIBA, SANTA FE, SANDOVAL, BERNALILLO AND VALENCIA COUNTIES AS WELL AS TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER ENTITIES.

WHEREAS, by the act of congress approved June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96), congress approved the initial stage of the San Juan-Chama project, Colorado-New Mexico as a participating project of the Colorado river storage project; and

WHEREAS, the San Juan-Chama project provides water to the multicounty region including San Juan, Taos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia counties as well as

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1 tribal governments, municipalities and other entities; and

2 WHEREAS, the San Juan-Chama project is approved for
3 furnishing water throughout the multicounty region for
4 municipal, domestic and industrial uses and other beneficial
5 purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola, located in Rio Arriba and
7 Santa Fe counties, and the United States department of the
8 interior entered into an agreement date February 16, 1978
9 whereby the city was allocated one thousand acre-feet per year
10 of water from the San Juan-Chama project; and

11 WHEREAS, the city and county of Santa Fe and the United
12 States department of the interior entered into an agreement
13 dated November 23, 1976 whereby the city and county were
14 allocated five thousand six hundred five acre-feet of water
15 from the San Juan-Chama project; and

16 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the city and county of
17 Santa Fe have utilized the project water to offset excess water
18 usage from its municipal wells and intends to construct a water
19 filtration facility utilizing project water; and

20 WHEREAS, the agreement between the city of Espanola and
21 the United States department of the interior is due to expire
22 on December 31, 2018; and

23 WHEREAS, the agreement between the city and county of
24 Santa Fe and the United States department of the interior is
25 due to expire on December 31, 2016; and

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